

independent counsel suggests to me that the Attorney General shares my assessment did nothing wrong.

The necessity for the investigation created an unfortunate delay, as well as a burden for Mr. Tenet and members of his family. The delay caused by the investigation did not, from what I have seen, create a vacuum in leadership at the CIA. Even as the Acting Director, Mr. Tenet has provided steady direction to the Intelligence Community. Nonetheless, there is no substitute in government for the authority that comes with Senate confirmation, so I am most pleased the nomination can move forward and Mr. Tenet can be fully empowered.

As Chairman SHELBY and I told our colleagues during the recent debate on the Intelligence Authorization bill, the end of the Cold War did by no means mark a diminution in the importance of intelligence to our national security. Sound policy and sound strategy are illuminated by sound intelligence, by the sometimes small amount of secret information that gives full meaning to the masses of freely available information. As technology continues in its revolutionary cycles, victory in war is more than ever the result of the linkage of American valor with American intelligence and American precision weapons. So intelligence continues to be essential to our survival and our ability to lead in the world. One of Mr. Tenet's many tasks will be to convince the public that intelligence still matters, and that the public can count on the integrity, patriotism, and morality of those who serve the nation in the Intelligence Community. Mr. Tenet is well suited for this task—he is a highly effective communicator.

Another task for Mr. Tenet will be to lead those who are serving. The CIA and the other intelligence agencies include people who take risks for our country, as well as some of the smartest and most skilled analysts, scientists, and technicians in the country. They deserve leadership that fully challenges their talents, rewards their successes, maintains an environment of high integrity, enforces accountability, and adds to their pride in their profession. They also deserve leadership that will remain with them long enough to really make a difference. I believe George Tenet will provide that leadership, and I urge his confirmation.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am going to pause a minute to speak about this nomination. I was privileged to serve for 8 years on the Intelligence Committee, the last 2 years being the

vice chairman. During that period of time, Mr. Tenet was one of the senior staff members on the committee. I gained a firsthand knowledge of this individual, not only of his professional capabilities, which are superb, but his character and his judgment.

I commend the President and all those who have worked to see that this fine American takes on this very, very important responsibility. I have confidence in him, and I am confident that he will represent our country very ably in this important post. I wish him, his lovely wife and his family well.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1997

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Friday, July 11. I further ask unanimous consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate immediately resume consideration of S. 936, the defense authorization bill, and the Senate immediately proceed to a Feingold amendment under a previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, tomorrow morning the Senate will resume consideration of the defense authorization bill and, at 9:45 a.m., proceed to a vote regarding the Bingaman amendment, re: space-based lasers. Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the remaining amendments. Therefore, votes can be expected to occur throughout the day, up to and including final passage of the defense authorization bill.

I know the leader and, indeed, I am sure my distinguished ranking member, Senator LEVIN, and Senator DASCHLE, both leaders, are anxious to finish this bill by noon tomorrow. I am confident that Senator THURMOND will be here—he usually is—bright and early to start the day at 9 o'clock.

There is not a recitation of what is to happen between 9 and 9:30. Do you recall specifically? I think it would be helpful.

Mr. LEVIN. My understanding, from Senator FEINGOLD who has firsthand knowledge, is that from 9 to 9:30, the time is divided on the Feingold amendment: 20 minutes to Senator FEINGOLD; 10 minutes to Senator THURMOND.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, that is correct.

Mr. WARNER. Fine. Mr. President, is that the amendment that has been the subject of discussion this evening?

Mr. FEINGOLD. No, that is a sense-of-the-Senate amendment concerning the Department of Defense jet fighters, a different matter.

Mr. WARNER. So that would be between the hours of 9 and 9:30, and then we will proceed as the order has been recited.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Correct.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Wisconsin for his cooperation tonight and for his very strong debate. I regret I can't join him on this.

I thank my good friend and colleague, as always. We have been together on many missions. I thank staff, the Senate and the Presiding Officer.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW AT 9 A.M.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:36 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 11, 1997, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 10, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TERRY D. GARCIA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, VICE DOUGLAS KENT HALL.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KATHLEEN M. KARPAN, OF WYOMING, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT, VICE ROBERT JAY URAM, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate July 10, 1997:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

GEORGE JOHN TENET, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.